

REMARKS

The Office Action dated August 13, 2003 has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the application, and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

The drawings were objected to on the grounds that Figure 4, Item 430 included a formula that was inconsistent with that which was shown in the specification. Attached is a set of formal drawings, wherein Item 430 has been amended to correct this deficiency.

Claim 9 was objected to due to a minor informality noted therein. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's courtesy in highlighting this error, and respectfully submit that claim 9 has been amended to be in compliance with the United States Patent Practice.

Claims 2-4, 11-13 and 20-22 were indicated as being objected to as being dependant upon a rejected base claim, but would otherwise be allowable. As will be discussed below, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims should be in condition for allowance. Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter in these claims, and respectfully submit that no amendments of these claims are necessary.

The following prior art rejections have been made in this application:

Claims 1, 10 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Subbiah (U.S. Patent No. 6,366,961) in view of Schulzrinne;

Claims 5-9, 14-18 and 23-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Subbiah and Schulzrinne, and further in view of Ioannides.

Applicants respectfully submit that these rejections should be withdrawn due to the fact that Subbiah is not prior available art against this application.

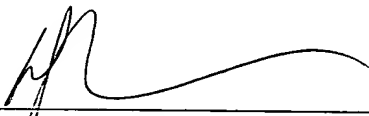
The present inventors in this application are Mr. Senthil Sengodan and Baranitharan Subbiah; these are the same named inventors in the Subbiah reference. The Subbiah reference was filed on March 3, 1999, and issued on April 2, 2002. The present application was filed on September 29, 1999. Since the inventive entity is the same, Subbiah is not available as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) or (e). Since Subbiah was filed only six months prior to the filing date of the present application, and was issued long after to filing date of the present application, Subbiah is not available as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) or (d). 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(c), (e), (f) or (g) are clearly inappropriate. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the above rejections be withdrawn, in that Subbiah is not available as prior art.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully submit that subject application is now in condition is now in condition for allowance and issue. It is therefore respectfully requested that claims 1-27 be allowed and this application passed to issue.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the allowance of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,



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